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SUBJECT: GOA REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
PETROCHEMICAL FEEDSTOCKS.

1. ON DECEMBER 14, UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN COMMERCE, GABRIEL MARTINEZ, CALLED IN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AND REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A NUMBER OF BASIC PETROCHEMICAL FEEDSTOCKS. HE SAID THAT IF ARGENTINE INDUSTRY WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THESE MATERIALS, IT WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY AND HE FELT ENTITLED TO ASK ASSISTANCE OF A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT. (WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SIMILAR REQUESTS ARE BEING MADE OF COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES).

2. COMATT EXPLAINED THAT MOST OF THESE MATERIALS HAVE COME TO BE IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY IN THE U.S. AND PRICES HAVE IN MOST CASES RISEN SHARPLY. PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO REQUEST USDOC ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AND OBTAINING SUPPLIES.

3. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF MATERIALS REQUIRED WITH MINIMUM QUANTITY FOR FULL YEAR 1974 IN METRIC TONS. THESE QUANTITIES REPRESENT AGGREGATE NEEDS OF STATE ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATE FIRMS.

LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE 6,000

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HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE	3,500
POLYPROPYLENE	3,000
P.V.C. PASTE, EMULSION	5,000
CAPROLACTAM	8,000
STYRENE MONOMER	4,000
POLYSTYRENE	1,000
PHENOL	1,000
BENZENE	3,000
ACRYLONITRILE	3,000
TECHNICAL MELAMINE	1,200
ADIPIC ACID	1,500
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	4,000
VINYL ACETATE MONOMER	6,000
SODIUM CARBONATE - HEAVY	8,000
SODIUM CARBONATE - LIGHT	22,000
ETHYLENE GLYCOL	2,000
PROPYLENE GLYCOL	800
HEXAMETHYLENEDIAMINE	1,000
MONODITRIETHANOLAMINE	600
PURE NONYLPHENOL	380

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2 ETHYLHEXANOL	1,500
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4. THE UNDERSECRETARY ADDED FERROUS SCRAP TO HIS LIST (250,000 TONS). WE REVIEWED FOR HIM RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S. FERROUS SCRAP SITUATION AND OFFERED NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT USG WOULD BE ABLE TO BE OF MUCH ASSISTANCE.

5. WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION TO THE UNDERSECRETARY THE FACT THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL PETROCHEMICAL PROJECTS IN THE BAHIA BLANCA COMPLEX FOR WHICH EXIMBANK PCS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND WHICH ONLY LACK APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY. THESE PROJECTS WILL, WHEN FINISHED, PRODUCE SOME OF THE MATERIALS GOA NOW ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN. WE ALSO INFORMED HIM OF FORTHCOMING (MAY 1974) TRADE CENTER SHOW ON PROCESS CONTROL INSTRUMENTS, INCLUDING PETROCHEMICAL. THE UNDERSECRETARY SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO STATUS OF APPROVAL OF PETROCHEMICAL PROJECTS WITH A VIEW TO EXPEDITE GOA ACTION.

6. DESPITE SCARCITIES, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC ATTEMPTING TO HELP GOA OBTAIN THSE MATERIALS. POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH: DR. GABRIEL MARTINEZ

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